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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR
CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND
CARRIER TAPE CONNECTING METHOD
USING THIS CONNECTING ...

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/973,878, filed October 11, 2001, pending.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter claimed therein.